

Minutes of the Farndon Parish Council Meeting held on Monday, 27th March 2023 in the Parish Room, Memorial Hall, Farndon

Present: **Councillor M Baker (Chair)**
 Councillor Mrs M Bayne
 Councillor Ms H Bayne
 Councillor A Chrime
 Councillor A Duckmanton
 Councillor Mrs Kingston
 Councillor P Rawlings

Also present Stephen Swanwick (FREG), County Councillor Mrs Saddington and District Councillor I Walker

FPC22-123 Apologies for absence

Received and accepted from Councillor Parker.

FPC22-124 Declarations of Interest

It was AGREED that these would be stated by Members as required during the meeting.

FPC22-125 Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council – 27th February 2023

The minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 27th February 2023 were accepted as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

FPC22-126 **County Councillor Session**

This item would be taken if and when Cllr Mrs Saddington arrived.

FPC22-127 **Nottinghamshire County Council**

(a) To note concerns around the 90 Bus Service and to seek reassurance on its future

This item was covered under minute number FPC22-126.

(b) To note concerns raised by a resident about the surface of Long Lane

This item was covered under minute number FPC22-126.

FPC22-128 **District Councillor Session**

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.35pm to allow Cllr Walker to present his report.

Cllr Walker reflected on the number of hits the District Council had over the course of a week. Out of 7,989 visits, the greatest number were for planning at 2,015.

This would be the final meeting that Cllr Walker would be attending as a District Councillor as he was not standing for re-election in May. Cllr Walker had represented Farndon for 36 years. Thanks were extended to Parish Council Members for their service and time representing their community.

On behalf of the Parish Council, the Chair thanked Cllr Walker for his long service, 36 years was a tremendous achievement. The Parish Council would miss the steady hand and years of experience that Cllr Walker could draw on for advice if required.

A gift was presented on behalf of Members.

FPC22-129 Newark & Sherwood District Council

(a) Newark and Sherwood District Council Sports Facilities Research – Playing Pitch Strategy Review

The Clerk referred to the review that was currently being undertaken. The survey had been completed by the Clerk. Cllr Duckmanton had been kept informed.

FPC22-130 Farndon Residents Environment Group

The Chair suspended the meeting at 6.37pm to allow Mr Swanwick to present the report.

The monthly litter pick had been undertaken. A number of electrical items had been found along Fosse Road, from the East garage towards Farndon. It was considered these may have been discarded when work was undertaken to the lamp columns. The Clerk to report to Via.

80% of the bird boxes that had been installed in Farndon Park were now being used, albeit that squirrels had inhabited the Owl and Kestrel boxes.

It was noted that there was a bin liner missing from the picnic area. The Clerk to liaise with the Sexton and replace.

(a) Minutes – March 2023

Members received and noted the minutes from the March meeting.

FPC22-131 Public 10 Minute Session

There were no questions raised.

FPC22-126 County Councillor Session

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With the arrival of County Councillor Mrs Saddington, the Chair suspended the meeting at 6.43pm to allow her to present her report.

Cllr Mrs Saddington advised that Vectare were taking over the 90 bus service currently provided by Marshalls Coaches. They had submitted a registration to run the service commercially and were working with officers to provide a new timetable. It was understood that the £2 fare will be subsidised by the County Council initially.

Cllr Mrs Bayne expressed concerns that the proposed new service did not go to Friary Lane, which would restrict access for those who needed to be in the centre of Nottingham.

Cllr Duckmanton noted that the full timetable would not be published until early April.

Cllr Mrs Saddington advised that any questions or concerns over the proposed service should be highlighted with the relevant Officers at the County Council. The Clerk had contact details.

Referring to the condition of Long Lane and the concerns expressed by a resident, Cllr Mrs Saddington advised that a request had been made for an Inspector to visit and assess the repairs needed. It was unlikely that resurfacing would be considered as it was not in the capital programme.

The Chair thanked Cllr Mrs Saddington for her report and reconvened the meeting at 6.55pm.

FPC22-132 Parish Council Matters

(a) To receive reports from representatives on outside bodies

Councillor Mrs Bayne reported on the recent meeting of the Newark Consultative Health Group. Integrated care systems would replace CCGs. A review of GP surgeries and appointments was being undertaken. The CVS had asked for assistance in highlighting their door to door service for hospital appointments, etc. This would be highlighted on the Residents page.

Councillor Mrs Bayne had attended a meeting of the Newark Municipal General Charities. Her appointment as Trustee would last for 5 years, which would enable her to determine how best to access grants for residents/groups in the village. There were 4 meetings held in the year.

Councillor Ms Bayne advised there was nothing to report. The next meeting would be the Annual General Meeting. The Clerk advised that an offer of 50 chairs from the RAFA Club had been made. Cllr Mrs Kingston to enquire and report back. It was understood that a lottery application was being submitted to Awards for All for assistance with the guttering. Replacement of the Parish Council's door would be included within that application.

(b) To receive information on the local elections scheduled to be held on 4th May 2023
Members were reminded of the schedule for the local elections to be held on 4th May 2023. Forms needed to be received by the District Council by 4pm on 4th April 2023.

(c) To consider a Celebration for the Coronation of King Charles III

The Clerk advised that a discussion had been held with Farndon St Peter's Academy regarding a village scarecrow trail, as held for the Platinum Jubilee. A further post would be placed on Farndon Residents to gauge support.

- (d) To note and consider additional consultation received on the A46 Dualling
Members noted the additional consultation received on the A46 dualling. It was noted that the scheme boundary was proposed to be altered to include additional land for temporary use as a vehicle holding area during construction, as outlined in Area Plan 6.

In terms of the alteration to the proposed scheme boundary to enable an alternative route to be used as a temporary bridleway diversion during the construction, the Clerk was asked to seek further information as Area Plan 5 appeared to show the bridleway diverting down a private driveway, into a locked car park (on both sides) that would restrict usage.

FPC22-133 Financial Matters

- (a) To consider accounts for payments in accordance with the circulated schedule
Members received and noted the accounts for payment in accordance with the circulated schedule.
- (b) To note any receipts in accordance with the circulated schedule
Members received and noted receipts received in accordance with the circulated schedule.
- (c) To note the Council's financial position as at 28th February 2023
Members received and noted the bank reconciliation as at 28th February 2023.
- (d) To appoint an Internal Auditor for the 2022-23 Accounts
It was AGREED that BMB Financial Services again be appointed to undertake the Parish Council's Internal Audit for the 2022-23 accounts.
- (e) To note arrangements for the 2022-23 Annual Governance and Accountability Return
The Clerk referred to notification received from BT regarding an increase in charges from 1st April 2023. It was AGREED that the Clerk be given delegated authority to investigate a change in provider, but that advice be sought from the CCTV contractor regarding whether there was a minimum requirement on download and upload speeds.
- (f) To note the outcome of an application to the District Council's Community Grant Scheme
Members noted that the application to the District Council's Community Grant Scheme to support the Farndon Friendship Club as it was considered that it was not a proposal that could be supported on this occasion.

The Clerk continued to liaise with the group to establish a funding stream to enable Club to continue to support residents as it did now. An application to the National Lottery Awards for All Scheme was being considered. Councillor Mrs Bayne also suggested that an approach be made to the Newark Municipal General Charities.

FPC22-134 Update Reports from Chairs

(a) Chair's Report

The Chair advised that the Government's National Alert would be tested on 23rd April. The alert will be used for dangerous situations including severe, flooding, fire and extreme weather. A siren-like noise will ring from mobile phones.

(b) Planning

Applications:

FOR NOTING - 23/00354/DISCON – Farndon Cricket Club, Marsh Lane, Farndon - Request for confirmation of discharge of conditions 04 (Details) and 14 (Lighting plan) attached to planning permission 21/02347/FUL; Erection of new cricket pavilion and groundsman's store. Existing garage, shed and changing block to be demolished. Work to include new car park with access onto Fosse Road together with improved public footpath from Fosse Road.

Decision Notices

22/02470/HOUSE – The Old Coach House, West End - Demolition of rear extension and construction of new two storey and a single storey rear extension

Members noted the decision notice outlining that planning permission had been refused for the development as outlined.

22/02422/FUL – 76 Marsh Lane, Farndon - Demolition of existing bungalow and garage and replacement with new dormer bungalow and garage and creation of new vehicular access

Members noted the decision notice outlining that planning permission had been granted for the development as outlined.

Tree Works

23/00510/TPO – 12 Westfield Way, Farndon - Undertake Works to Tree Protected by TPO N 45 identified as part of Group 1 Holly Tree – reduce spread on 2 No. partially failed branches by 2m (as shown on photo)

Members noted the tree works as outlined.

23/00420/TWCA – The Old Vicarage, 1 Marsh Lane, Farndon - Fell 1 No. cherry tree (marked in red and labelled T1 on plan) in the rear garden

Members noted the tree works as outlined.

(c) General Purposes

There were no matters to consider.

(d) Cemetery

Councillor Mrs Bayne noted that the Cemetery Regulations review needed to be completed. The Clerk and Councillor Mrs Bayne to progress before the next meeting.

(e) Playing Field

To note progress with quotations for a review of the play area

The Clerk updated Members on the site meetings held so far with play area equipment providers. The designs received from Streetscape and MC Play Solutions were shown to Members.

After discussion, it was AGREED that a site meeting at the play area would be held at 6.15pm on Monday, 24th April, prior to the Parish Council meeting so that Members had a better understanding of the proposals received.

Storage Request

Cllr Duckmanton referred to a request from Lewis Chambers for storage space for goal posts. It was AGREED that the Clerk liaise to determine if there was space at the bowls pavilion. Members were in agreement with the use of the space, subject to agreement of the final position.

Dog Bin

The Clerk was asked to review the dog waste bin on the playing field by the jitty to Oak Avenue and look to replace it.

Farndon Cricket Club

The Clerk advised that a letter had been received from William Saunders on behalf of Farndon Cricket Club outlining that an application for Planning Consent had been submitted for a new cricket practice facility on the former Bowling Green. The letter was served as a notice under the requirements of the application as the Parish Council were the freeholders of the land.

(f) Ponds & Riverside

To consider repairs to the revetment

Discussion took place about how best to repair the revetment as a number of the posts retaining the bank had either rotted or been vandalised. The Clerk had sourced samples of a recycled plastic fencing that could be used. As an alternative idea, it was suggested that the bank could be sloped and reseeded, with all posts removed. The Clerk to investigate further with the Sexton and Cllr Parker.

Fallen Tree

Councillor Duckmanton referred to the tree that had fallen at the entrance to the picnic area from North End. The Clerk advised that the Sexton was aware and it would be removed. The footpath was still accessible.

FPC22-135 Notts Association of Local Councils

(a) Civility & Respect Newsletter

A copy of the Civility & Respect Newsletter had been circulated to Members for information.

FPC22-136 To receive any correspondence

(a) This item had been taken under minute number FPC22-134(e).

FPC22-137 Items for Notification

Councillor Mrs Kingston referred to the streetlights that were out on Main Street. The Clerk advised they were logged on the County Council's portal and were awaiting repair.

FPC22-138 Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 24th April 2023

The meeting closed at 9pm